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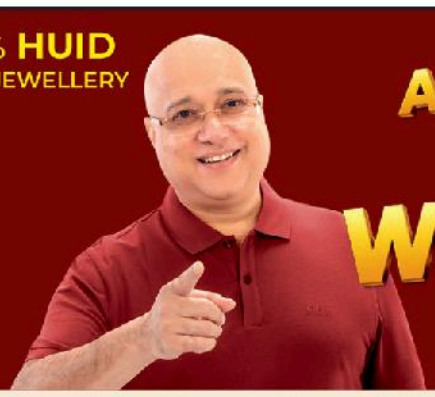

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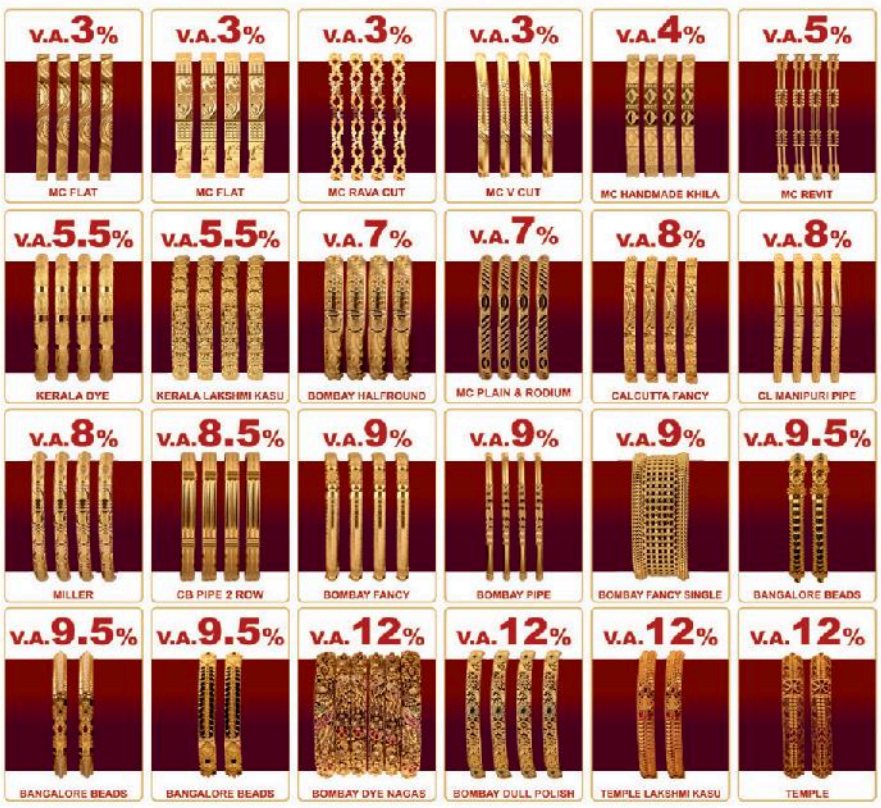

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Rs. 2,578 crore worth projects for Mysuru

▶ Chief Minister to lay foundation and inaugurate 74 development works tomorrow

▶ 100-bed state-of-the-art Nephro-Urology Hospital to come up at PKTB Hospital premises

Mysuru, July 18 (BCT)- Fulfilling a long-standing demand of the people of the Mysuru region, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate over 74 development projects worth Rs. 2,578.03 crore across 24 Departments in the Assembly Constituencies in Mysuru city and district tomorrow (July 19) at 10.30 am.

Most of these ceremonies will be conducted virtually by the CM during a mega convention organised by the District Administration and ZP at Maharaja's College Grounds in city.

The 3D image of new Nephro-Urology Unit.

Advanced Renal Care Centre

One of the key projects is the foundation stone laying for a 100-bed nephro-urology hospital aimed at significantly enhancing renal care services in Mysuru and surrounding districts.

The hospital will come up on a one-acre plot near the PKTB Hospital premises, adjacent to the Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (Jayadeva Hospital). The land was earmarked in the 2024-2025 State Budget, and administrative approval has been granted for the construction of a state-of-the-art facility at a cost of Rs. 117.71 crore.

Planned as a G+ (Ground plus upper floors) structure, the hospital will house a 50-bed dialysis unit, a 20-bed ICU, a modular surgical wing with four operating theatres, a conference hall with capacity to accommodate 100 patients simultaneously, a digital library and ample parking and patient rest areas.

Unity Mall and KSRTC Bus Terminal

Siddaramaiah will lay the foundation stone for the construction of a Unity Mall for Rs. 192.99 crore under the Karnataka State Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. He will also lay the foundation stone for a Rs. 120-crore KSRTC model bus terminal at Bannimantap.

(See PROJECTS on page 9)

Sadhana Samavesha is an answer to BJP's lies: CM

Mysuru, July 18 (BLU&DM)- Asserting that tomorrow's *Sadhana Samavesha* at Mysuru is a befitting answer to the lies of Opposition BJP, which is spreading a false propaganda that State Congress Government has gone bankrupt with no funds for developmental projects, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah dismissed the Opposition's claims that the event is merely a show of his political strength.

Speaking to presspersons on his arrival at Mysore Airport here this morning, he said that the convention aims to spread a message to public that many developmental projects costing thousands of crores of rupees are going on in the State and he has sanctioned projects worth Rs. 2,500 crore to Mysuru alone.

(See SAMAVESHA on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 18th July 2025

Job Fair at Government First Grade College tomorrow

Mysuru, July 18 (BS)- Government First Grade College (GFGC), Siddartha Layout in the city, in association with Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled, has organised a Job Fair tomorrow (July 19) at the College premises, from 9 am to 2 pm.

According to a press release from GFGC Principal N. Mayadevi, about 1,000 job aspirants are expected to turn up at the Fair that will witness over 30 employers.

The men and women in the age group of 18 to 35 years, who are either passed in SSLC, PUC, diploma or any degree, are eligible to participate.

The candidates appearing for the Job Fair should bring along with them, minimum of eight copies of their biodata, five passport size photos, photocopies of their academic qualification and Aadhaar card. The physically disabled persons can also participate in the Fair.

For details contact, Dr. P. Siddaramu, Convener of College's Employment and Guidance Cell on Mob: 99863-07558 or 90350-84949 or 90350-84948 or Samarthanam Helpline No: 080-68333999.

Sri Jayachamaraja Vaibhava at Ganabharathi on July 19

Mysuru, July 18- Kalasourabha Music School, has organised 'Sri Jayachamaraja Vaibhava' — an evening of music, dance and discourse — a cultural tribute in memory of the late Mysore Maharaja Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar tomorrow (July 19) from 5 pm onwards at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar.

The evening will begin with an invocation by the students of Kalasourabha, followed by a classical dance performance by Vidu. Ashwini Sukeerthi and Vidu. Swathi Kiran.

This will be followed by a vocal concert by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and Vidu. Dr. Sumana Vedant. They will be accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

At 8 pm, a discourse will be delivered by H. L. Chandrashekhar, a renowned philosopher.

This programme is open to all, according to a press release from Vidu. M. Meera.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A GARLAND OF VERSES: ***The term*** *Thirumaalai* ***consists of two words. Usually,*** *Thiru* ***is used as a prefix to express respect and reverence.*** *Maalai* ***refers to a garland. With Bhakti as the thread, verses as flowers and tears of joy as water to touch and ease the making, Thondaradippodi Azhwar strung together beautiful, melodious and melting verses on Lord Ranganatha and titled them*** *Thirumaalai.* ***The Azhwar is the incarnation of "Vaijayanthi Mala," a garland that adorns the chest of Lord Vishnu. His actual name is Vipranarayanan. He wanted to be the dust in the feet of devotees and renamed himself as*** *Thondaradippodi.*

Thirukkudandhai Dr. Venkatesh said in a discourse that the Azhwar composed exclusively about Lord Ranganatha. *Thirumaalai* ***is the translation of the Sanskrit text*** *Vishnu Dharmam* ***into pure Tamil.*** *Nama Sankeerthanam* ***or chanting the divine names of God is the essence of*** *Vishnu Dharmam.*

Thondaradippodi Azhwar taught us the importance of chanting the names of God through *Thirumaalai.* ***It is written in a clear and concise style, making it easy to understand. It contains 45 verses. The great Acharya Sri Periavachan Pillai has divided*** *Thirumaalai* ***into eight parts for his commentary. The Azhwar says the bliss of chanting is more than the bliss of Srivaikuntam. He wanted neither Bhuloka (the Earth) nor Srivaikuntam (the heaven), but wished to be in Srirangam (Bhuloka Vaikuntam), existing in Bhuloka and experiencing Vaikuntam.***

The Azhwar says chanting mechanically the names of the Lord, even without deep devotion, a serene mind or self-control will remove all our sins. *— In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

YouTuber goes viral due to his pointy chin

Tokyo: Japanese internet celebrity @Jonouchich1 is known as the 'YouTuber' with the world's longest chin', because of his unusually long and pointy chin.

The young Japanese YouTuber was ridiculed and compared to anime characters for his exceptionally long and pointy chin, but he never let the jokes get to him. If anything, he leaned into his unique look to attract more attention.

Most of his YouTube clips are centered around his chin, as it has become somewhat of a personal brand. People are fascinated and intrigued by it because it looks like the protruding, pointy chin of a manga character. In fact, his social media handle is inspired by Yu-Gi-Oh character Katasuya Jonouchi.

Although his chin still attracts cruel jokes from time to time and has even caused @Jonouchich1 to be rejected by girls, he considers it an asset to increase his social media following.

Chefs cook up world's largest scotch egg

Enfield: Two British social media chefs teamed up to cook the world's largest scotch egg, which weighed in at a whopping 17 pounds and 3.48 ounces.

Phoenix Ross and Oli Paterson came together in Enfield, England, to attempt to break the Guinness World Record of 13 pounds and 10 ounces, which had stood for nearly 20 years.

The duo used an ostrich egg as the core of their scotch egg, a traditional food comprised of a hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage meat, coated in bread crumbs and fried.

The chefs said their first attempt ended in disaster when the savoury snack fell apart while being lifted from the fryer.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine Manipal Hospital, Mysuru

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Music Concert at BVB Mysuru

Dr. R.K. Padmanabha

Mysuru, July 18- As part of its 146th Cultural Outreach Programme, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, in association with BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru, has organised a Karnatak Vocal Concert by Ganakalabushana Vidwan Dr. R.K. Padmanabha at BVB Mysuru Kendra in Vijayanagar 1st Stage, Mysuru, at 6 pm tomorrow (July 19). He will be accompanied by Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan on violin.

Enters India Book of Records for Sun Gazing

Mysuru, July 18- K.S. Badari Narayan, a multi-skilled Software Professional, World Yoga Alliance Certified Trainer (WYA) and Multiple World Record Holder in Yoga from Mysuru (presently camping in Malaysia), has entered India Book of Records for Sun Gazing without Blinking Eyes for 1-Hour-30-Minutes at Mysuru Oval Grounds.

This feat was scrutinised by India Book of Records, which has also certified him along with the other record agencies like World Book of India Records.

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VOICE OF THE READER

New Bus Stand at Bannimantap: An appeal to CM Siddaramaiah

Sir,

I am writing to appeal to our Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah, to postpone the foundation stone laying of the proposed Bus Station at Bannimantap and change the location.

Since Bannimantap is located at the Northern tip of Mysuru, it is more inconvenient than convenient for the citizens of the Southern, Eastern and Western parts of the district.

The new bus station will be about 12 kms away from the people of the Southern district, which will be an unnecessary burden for the citizens of the Southern district.

The Central Bus Station should be shifted to J.K. Grounds opposite the Railway Station or the RMC premises behind the Railway Station.

The existing Medical College may be shifted to the KSRTC land in Bannimantap, and the area around the Railway Station should be built on the majestic model of Bengaluru, which would be beneficial for the passengers and the people of the four directions of Mysuru.

This would increase the income by converting the existing Central Bus Station and City Bus Station into a commercial complex, and by doing this, the traffic in the Central City would be significantly reduced, the traditional buildings would also be preserved, and since all three stations are located in one place, tourism would also be given a boost.

Central and City Bus Stations can be built next to the Railway Station and Bengaluru route buses can reach via Sayyaji Rao Road. Buses on Hunsur Road route will reach Hunsur Road next to Metropole Hotel via Railway Station Circle.

Nanjangud-Kollegal-T.Narasipur route buses will travel via JLB Road, through Yelethota Circle or via 100 Feet Road in front of the South Gate of Palace and reach Nanjangud Road while buses on Malavalli-Kanakapura route can reach Bannur Road via Sayyaji Rao Road via Ring Road.

Better results could be achieved if the roads are widened at some of the above routes. This will significantly reduce traffic at K.R. Circle, Hardinge Circle, in front of the Mysore Palace, in front of the MCC Office and Irwin Road.

Since the Chief Minister is from Mysuru, I request him to reconsider, postpone the foundation laying ceremony, think scientifically, change the venue, take a decision and facilitate both the citizens and tourists.

—**H.N. Girish Aradhya**
Mysuru
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Shradhanjali to KBG on Sunday

Mysuru, July 18- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a meeting on Sunday (July 20) at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, to offer Shradhanjali to *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), who was closely associated with the Forum. Prof. K.C. Belliappa will preside. Many distinguished citizens, who knew KBG from close quarters, will speak. The meeting is open to all.

Condolence meeting

Mysore Athletics Club has organised a meeting on July 19 (Saturday) at 8 am at Oval Athletics Grounds, near old DC's Office to condole the death of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy who passed away on July 13. All the members, athletes and sports lovers may attend and pay their respects to the departed soul, stated a press release from M. Yogendra, Secretary of the Club.

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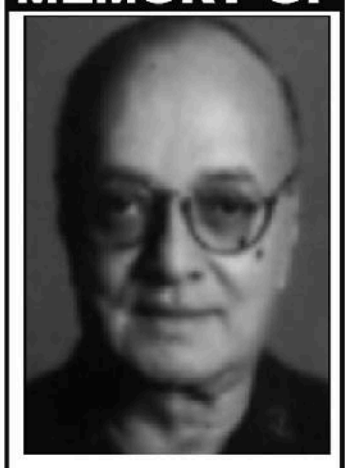

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Rush of Devotees on last Ashada Friday

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje climbs 1,008 Hill steps

Mysuru, July 18 (MTY&BS)- On account of last Ashada Friday special puja today, a large number of devotees descended on Chamundi Hill in city. To cater to the swelling number of devotees, the temple will be kept open till 10 pm today.

The presiding deity at the Goddess Chamundeshwari Temple was decorated in *Mahisha Mardini Alankara,* depicting the killing of demon Mahisha by the Goddess, while the *Utsava Murti* was decorated in *Mahalakshmi Alankara,* one of the several manifestations of Lakshmi.

Irrespective of *Dharma Darshana* (free entry), special entry tickets of Rs. 300 and Rs. 2,000, there was a huge rush of devotees, vying for space at the queues to board KSRTC free buses being operated from Lalitha Mahal Palace Grounds to the Chamundi Hill. Besides, KSRTC buses were operated on a regular route from City Bus Stand to the hill, but with a fare, while it is free for women under Shakti scheme.

KSRTC buses

Anticipating huge footfalls of devotees, KSRTC authorities started operating buses from 5 am itself, while the temple door was opened for the *darshan* at 5.30 am. The width of the barricade meant for VIP passage to the temple was reduced this time, to enable more space for the devotees.

Puja rituals

The puja rituals began at pre-dawn hours with *Mahanyasa Poorvaka Puja, Punyaha, Pushparchane* and *Mangalarati,* prior to the opening of the Temple door for devotees.

Like every week, the number of devotees holding recommendation letters from VIPs to gain easy access to the Temple were more, with some of them engaging in wordy duel with those manning gates, for restraining them at the special entry gates.

VIPs visit

Union Minister of State for Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje, an ardent devotee of Chamundeshwari, who regularly visits Chamundi Hill by climbing 1,008 steps, visited the temple and offered special puja to the Goddess.

Prominent among other VIPs who visited the temple were Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa, State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra, former Minister and MLA H.D. Revanna and his wife Bhavani.

Prasada distribution

Several organisations installed the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari in public places in various parts of the city and distributed *prasada* to the devotees, marking their devotion to the deity. *Prasada* included *vegetable bath, pulav, sweet rice, puliyogare* and *curd rice* to name a few.

Sadhana Samavesha Simha slams Siddu

Mysuru, July 18(MTY&DM)- Lashing out at the Congress Government for organising the *'Sadhana-Samavesha'* in Mysuru despite having "nothing to showcase," former MP Prathap Simha sarcastically remarked that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah deserves to be "complimented" for holding the event despite "doing nothing for the State's development."

Prathap Simha

Speaking to reporters atop Chamundi Hill yesterday, Simha said it has been over two years since the Congress came to power, yet there is little to show in terms of progress. He alleged that Siddaramaiah is orchestrating dissent within his own Cabinet by instigating Co-operation Minister K.N. Rajanna to speak against Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Tumakuru and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi in Belagavi. "Encouraging his loyalists to attack Shivakumar seems to be Siddaramaiah's only achievement," Simha said.

Criticising Congress leaders over allegations of protocol violations during the inauguration of Sigandur Bridge in Shivamogga district, Simha countered that it was Congress that flouted protocol by inaugurating the Mysuru Ring Road project while the Parliament session was underway in Delhi. He questioned why the Chief Minister, despite being invited in advance, skipped the Sigandur Bridge event but had time to fly elsewhere.

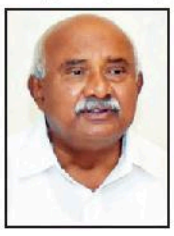
Attributing the bridge's completion to the relentless efforts of former CM B.S. Yediyurappa and Shivamogga MP B.Y. Raghavendra, Simha asked whether Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa even understood protocol norms.

He also accused Dr. Mahadevappa of failing to convene periodic KDP meetings and claimed that the Minister visits Mysuru only to accompany the CM for photo opportunities.

Responding to recent personal attacks by Ministers Priyank Kharge and Santosh Lad, Simha warned that he would issue a detailed rebuttal next week, with documentary evidence to "expose" both Ministers.

CM's cover-up for political troubles: A.H. Vishwanath

Mysuru, July 18 (BLU&DM)- MLC A.H. Vishwanath has alleged that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah habitually organises conventions like the *'Sadhana Samavesha'* whenever he finds himself in political trouble.



Vishwanath

Addressing a press conference at Jaladarshini Guest House yesterday, Vishwanath claimed that the CM is hosting the convention in his home district of Mysuru as a mere display of strength amid his ongoing power tussle with Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar.

Accusing Siddaramaiah of blatant hypocrisy for calling Congress leader Rahul Gandhi a 'Nyaya Yodha' (Warrior of Justice), Vishwanath alleged that the CM was falsely projecting himself as a champion of the backward classes.

He reminded Siddaramaiah that the 'AHINDA' (an acronym for Minorities, Backward Classes, and Dalits) movement was established by senior advocate C.S. Dwarakanath and former Union Minister R.L. Jalappa, not him. He further charged the CM with replacing Jalappa's photo with his own at a recent event in Kolar.

Vishwanath claimed that the CM does not even know the names of marginalised communities beyond a few, such as Kuruba, Kumbara and Uppara, and lacks a genuine connection with lower strata communities.

Alleging that the ongoing *'Sadhana Samavesha'* is misleading the public, he said more than 2,500 Government schools have shut down under Siddaramaiah's tenure, and over one lakh elected representatives have been deprived of power due to the prolonged delay in conducting local body elections across the State.

CM to offer *Bagina* to Kabini

Mysuru, July 18- With the Kabini Dam at Beechanahalli in H.D. Kote taluk full to the brim, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will offer the traditional *Bagina* to the Dam on July 20 at 10 am.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, District In-charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa and other officials will be present.

Sadhana Samavesha is an answer to BJP's lies: CM

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This convention is not a 'Shakti' *Samavesha* of anyone and it is purely a convention aimed at dismissing BJP's claims on dearth of funds, the CM reiterated.

Responding to State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra's challenge to the Congress asking it to name AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, a veteran dalit leader, as its Prime Ministerial candidate, Siddaramaiah hit back, saying that the ruling BJP at the Centre should make way for a Dalit leader as the Prime Minister by replacing Narendra Modi. He also said that Vijayendra himself should make way for a Dalit BJP leader to head the party in the State.

CM Siddaramaiah addressing media at Mysore Airport this morning as District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, MLA D. Ravishankar, ex-MLA M.K. Somashekar and District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar look on.

Stampede case

On Justice Michael D'Cunha Commission's probe report on Chinnaswamy Stadium stampede during RCB team's IPL victory celebration last month, Siddaramaiah said the report would be tabled during the State Cabinet meeting. However, the contents of the report have not yet been discussed at the Government level, he said adding that the prime points of the report has been given to the concerned Minister and will be discussed in full at the next Cabinet meeting.

Dharmasthala deaths

To a question on the formation of an SIT to probe alleged cover up of deaths around Dharmasthala, the CM said that SIT cannot be formed only because someone demands it. Pointing out that the Police are verifying the testified statements of a person who has claimed to be a witness to numerous suspicious deaths around Dharmasthala in the past few years, he said that further action in the case can be taken only after the Police submit their report after investigation.

"There is no pressure on the Government from any quarters regarding Dharmasthala row. Even if there is pressure, we would not bow to it under any circumstances", he asserted.

Responding to another query on frequent bomb threats to Bengaluru schools, the CM said he is aware of the matter.

Noting that most of these bomb threats have turned out to be fake ones, he said that, however, he has asked the Police to take suitable measures to prevent such fake threats and thus put an end to this growing menace.

Concert in memory of Dr. Rajkumar and S.P. Balasubrahmanyam

Dr. Rajkumar

Balasubrahmanyam

Mysuru, July 18- A melodious tribute to late Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar and renowned playback singer S.P. Balasubrahmanyam will be held at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium in city on July 19 at 5.30 pm.

The event, organised by Geeth Sangam Team, will present a delightful rendition of select evergreen Kannada film romantic songs, under the guidance of G. Kavitha Kamath. Renowned singers including Kavitha Kamath, Nityananda Kamath, Dr. Surendran, Dr. Ravindra Kumar, Dr. Bharat Raj, Chandrashekar, Dr. Bharathi, Jayalakshmi Naidu, Annu Moornadu and Vinayaka Bhat will perform during the musical evening. Entry to the event is free.

The event will also feature a special tribute to K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* and legendary actress B. Saroja Devi who passed away recently.

Session on 'Storytelling for Sales Success' on July 19

Sachin Bhandary

Mysuru, July 18- TiE Mysuru will host a session titled *"The Sales Story: How to Craft & Narrate Customer Transformation Stories to Close Deals,"* by Sachin Bhandary, Founder & Trainer at Story Club on July 19 from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm at Yamuna Hall of Hotel Le Ruchi The Prince in Mysuru.

In today's competitive business environment, storytelling has emerged as a game-changer in influencing customer decisions. This session will empower participants to leverage storytelling techniques that build trust, demonstrate value and drive conversions.

Entrepreneurs and Startup Founders; Sales and Marketing Professionals; Business Development Executives; Brand Strategists and Content Creators and anyone interested in using storytelling to improve customer engagement and conversions may attend.

For registration, visit *https://bit.ly/TiEMysuruJuly* or contact Mahesh Kattale on Mob: +91 9448154063.

Silk Meets Royalty

Varahi Lakshmi Silks brings Kanchipuram to Mysuru

Mysuru, July 18- The city of Palaces has turned into a city of Silks this week, as Varahi Lakshmi Silks, founded by SKP B. Gopinath has come up with its much-awaited Grand Silk Expo to JP Palace in Nazarbad.

The expo, which began on July 17, will conclude on July 19 and is open for shoppers from 9 am to 9 pm.

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Under the visionary leadership of Gopinath, Varahi Lakshmi Silks has become a trusted name for original silk sarees, bringing heritage to life with every weave. For details, call Mob: 86800-14400.

Farmers to clean Meenakshipura near KRS backwaters tomorrow

Mysuru, July 18- District President of Karnataka State Farmers Association Naganahalli Vijayendra has said that farmers have organised a cleaning drive at Meenakshipura village near KRS backwaters which was polluted by miscreants recently. The cleaning drive will begin from 7.30 am tomorrow, he added.

Speaking to media in city yesterday, he said, "It is the duty of everyone of us to keep our environment clean. Farmers of Mysuru taluk will participate in the cleaning drive."

Mysuru Taluk President Anandur Prabhakar, General Secretary Mandakalli Mahesh, Secretary Chikkanahalli A. Raghavendra, Youth Wing President Maidanahalli Mahesh and leader Chikkanahalli Venkatesh were present at the press meet.

VVCE Associate Professor Dr. Mohankrishna passes away

Dr. Mohankrishna

Mysuru, July 18- Dr. S.A. Mohankrishna (44), Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering at Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE) and a resident of Contour Road in Gokulam, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in city this morning.

An amateur astronomer, he leaves behind his wife Shwetha Mohankrishna, daughter Arnashree and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam at 4 pm today, according to sources.

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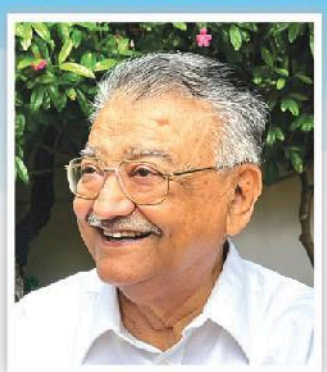

Dr. K.B. Ganapathy
Founder-Editor-Star of Mysore and Mysuru Mithra
Fondly remembered by the Management, Faculty, Staff, Students and Alumni of SDMIMD, Mysuru
"May his soul rest in peace"
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Jumbo moms-to-be exit Dasara line-up

Forest Dept. struggles to assemble female elephant squad as Lakshmi, Hiranya are pregnant

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, July 18 - The Forest Department is facing an unexpected challenge in assembling the female elephant squad for the upcoming Dasara procession, as two of the five shortlisted elephants have been found to be pregnant.

Last year, Lakshmi and Hiranya from Rampura camp in Bandipur Tiger Reserve marched gracefully alongside Abhimanyu, the lead elephant carrying the Golden Howdah during the grand *Jumboo Savari.* Both were strong contenders for this year's team and had already undergone initial health evaluations.

However, recent urine tests revealed signs of pregnancy in both elephants. To confirm, they were also subjected to faecal pregnancy testing, with reports expected in two weeks. With this development, Forest Department officials are now tasked with identifying suitable replacements for the iconic procession.

Imminent calving for Hiranya

Hiranya-48, under special care at the old Bandipur campus and considered a key Kumki elephant for the Dasara squad, is now showing signs of advanced pregnancy. Forest officials noted a visible change in her behaviour, indicating she may deliver soon.

To safeguard her health and reduce stress, Hiranya has been shifted from the Mysuru–Ooty Highway area to the quieter Rampura Camp. Her participation in this year's Dasara festivities is now officially ruled out.

Hiranya was taken into the Forest Department's care in 2021 from the Elephant Home Foundation in Kodagu following a Supreme Court directive. Renowned for her calm temperament, she has participated in the Dasara procession twice and was appreciated for her role as a Kumki elephant last year.

Lakshmi's participation uncertain

Lakshmi-24, another Rampura Camp elephant who performed Kumki duties admirably last year, is also under observation after health screenings confirmed her pregnancy. A faecal pregnancy test is underway to determine the stage of gestation.

Hiranya

Lakshmi

If Lakshmi is under 10 months pregnant, she may still qualify for the Dasara squad. However, if she is in the later stages, the rigorous training, physical activity and enriched diet required during the festival could risk premature delivery. As such, officials are exercising caution before confirming her inclusion.

Lakshmi made her Dasara debut in 2019 at the age of 18 but was withdrawn from the *Jumboo Savari* due to her fear of firecrackers. In 2022, she gave birth to a male calf within the palace premises, who was named 'Dattatreya' by the royal family. She returned last year with renewed confidence and successfully served as a Kumki, earning widespread appreciation.

Originally rescued as a four-month-old calf in 2002 from the Mangala Road area of Bandipur, Lakshmi was initially named Padmaja by royal family member Vishalakshi Devi. The Forest Department later renamed her Lakshmi upon taking her into custody.

Natural mating during night grazing

Environmentalists have pointed out that female elephants in forest camps are often released into the wild at night to graze. During these periods, they may mate with wild bulls, leading to unplanned pregnancies.

Given this, the Forest Department must exercise care and sensitivity during the selection process, particularly in verifying the reproductive status of female elephants intended for Dasara participation, they noted.

As Mysuru gears up for one of its most iconic cultural celebrations, the Forest Department now faces a race against time to reconstitute the elephant squad while ensuring the safety and well-being of its most majestic participants.

Forest Dept., IISc join hands to curb man-elephant conflict

Eshwar Khandre

Bengaluru, July 18 (Agencies)- Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has announced that the State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) to leverage modern technology for the conservation of elephant corridors and habitats.

The initiative aims to mitigate the growing human-elephant conflict and safeguard the crops of farmers living along forest fringes.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony recently, Khandre highlighted that the conflict is particularly acute in regions like Hassan and Kodagu, often resulting in crop losses and even fatalities. He noted that while the Forest Department is implementing various measures to tackle the issue, the conflict is now spreading to other areas as well.

The agreement focuses on integrating scientific

research with on-ground conservation strategies to preserve elephant habitats. Titled 'Landscape-Level Management of the Asian Elephant in the Mysore Elephant Reserve', the five-year project (2025–2029) will be implemented at a cost of Rs. 4.74 crore.

Described as a landmark initiative, the project aims to introduce a science-based conservation approach for the Asian elephant. Karnataka, home to 6,395 wild elephants, has witnessed an increase in conflict due to habitat fragmentation, shifting land-use patterns, and the growing proximity between humans and elephants. These factors have led to human casualties, crop destruction and retaliatory attacks.

The project will span over 15 forest divisions and protected areas in southern Karnataka, including tiger reserves, national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and human-dominated agricultural landscapes.

Research will be jointly conducted by the IISc's Centre for Ecological Sciences in collaboration with the Asian Nature Conservation Foundation (ANCF), the Foundation for Ecological Research, Advocacy and Learning (FERAL), and the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS).

The project will also develop innovative solutions such as soft-release protocols for relocated elephants, GPS-enabled zap collars, buzzers and community-supported fencing to manage displaced elephants, the Department added.

Union Minister, State BJP President pay tributes to KBG

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shobha Karandlaje offering floral tributes to the portrait of *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy (KBG), who passed away on July 13. The Union Minister, accompanied by City BJP President L. Nagendra, BJP leader B.P. Manjunath, Advocate S. Arunkumar, City BJP General Secretary Cable Mahesh and others, spoke to KBG's wife Ralie Ganapathy, Executive Director of Academy Newspapers Private Limited and son Vikram Muthanna, Managing Editor of*** *Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***and offered her condolences this morning. Picture right shows State BJP President B.Y. Vijayendra offering his tributes to the portrait of KBG at the latter's house in K.C. Layout this morning. Vijayendra was accompanied by Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa and others.***

Rs. 2,578 crore worth projects for Mysuru

Centre for Sports Science

Labour Bhavan

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The Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) will see development works worth Rs. 23.59 crore, which include the enhancement of the E-Block, installation of a musical fountain and the creation of a floating dragon boating pond within its premises.

Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. will implement Rs. 408-crore project involving the replacement of 11 KV overhead lines with underground cabling.

Aerial bunch cables will also be installed in place of low-tension (LT) overhead lines. KPTCL will upgrade power infrastructure with an investment of Rs. 38.73 crore.

PWD, MCC projects

The Public Works Department will launch and inaugurate works worth Rs. 502.41 crore and the Mysuru City Corporation has lined up projects worth Rs. 380 crore, including setting up a material recovery facility, transfer station, demolition waste management infrastructure, water supply improvements and underground drainage upgrades.

A new Labour Bhavan is being constructed in Krishnaraja Constituency for Rs. 23.59 crore, and the Water Resources Department will undertake development projects worth Rs. 419.86 crore.

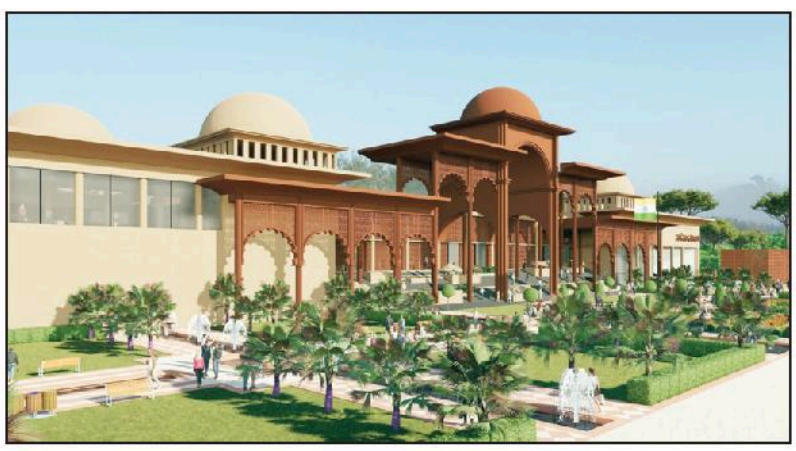
New Sports Science Centre

Under the Youth Empowerment and Sports Department, a Sports Science Centre will be established in the Narasimharaja constituency at Rs. 3.50 crore. In the Health and Family Welfare Department, Rs. 55.50 crore has been earmarked for health infrastructure of the Chamaraja constituency. This includes Rs. 50 crore for a Peripheral Cancer Centre at PKTB Hospital and Rs. 50 crore for an Endocrinology Centre.

The Social Welfare Department has sanctioned Rs. 26.35 crore for projects in the Chamundeshwari constituency, including Dr. B.R. Ambedkar hostels and a Bhavan in Hunsur. The Kannada and Culture Department will execute projects worth Rs. 14.63 crore.

Other projects

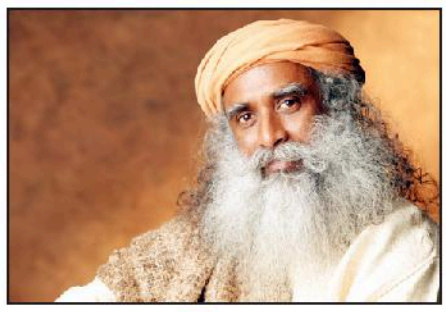
- The Minor Irrigation Department has approved Rs. 13 crore for development works.
- The Minority Welfare Department will implement projects worth Rs. 10.80 crore.
- A Rs. 3 crore Gandhi Bhavan will be built in Kyathamaranahalli by the Information and Public Relations Department.
- The Women and Child Development Department has sanctioned a Rs. 1.50 crore project.
- The Backward Classes Welfare Department will build Urs Bhavan & other facilities in Chamundeshwari for Rs. 1 crore.
- Drinking water and sanitation projects worth Rs. 80.84 crore have been taken up under the Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department.
- The Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Departments have projects worth Rs. 50 crore each, with the latter inaugurating an auditorium in Lakshmipuram (KR constituency).
- The Scheduled Castes Welfare Department has also sanctioned a Rs. 50 crore initiative.
- District Urban Development Cell (DUDC) will implement projects worth Rs. 163.78 crore in Chamundeshwari, including Rs. 9.98 crore for a new municipal office in Hootagalli and Rs. 57.69 crore for a sewage treatment plant (STP) and underground drainage pipeline under NGT/SBM2(U) grants.
- The Medical Education Department will undertake initiatives worth Rs. 175.50 crore



Unity Mall

Proposed works at Karnataka Exhibition Authority premises

MYSTIC'S MUSINGS



By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation

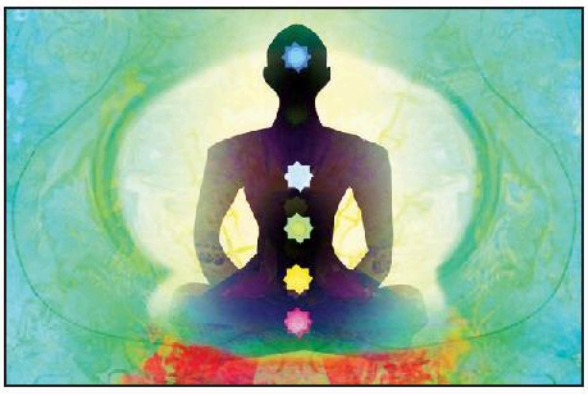
Anger to Compassion

People keep asking me about how they can control their anger. It does not matter how much people preach "don't get angry," when certain situations arise, you do get angry. Emotional states that you call anger, hate, lust, compassion or love — from the lowest to the highest — are certain types of expression of the same energy.

For many people, anger is the most intense situation they have experienced in their life. People want some intensity, somewhere. They do not know how to be intense. Either through physical action or through anger, or through pain — this is the only way they know how to be intense.

The very reason why drugs and sex has become such a big thing in the world is because somehow people want to experience some intensity, at least for a few moments. It is the intensity which draws them, and that is the only thing that human beings are seeking; and that is the only thing that will liberate man from his present bondages.

Unfortunately for most people, their fear, anger or hatred are the most intense situations in their lives. Their love is never so intense, their peace is never so intense, their joy is never so intense, but their negativities are intense. So they experience power in negative situations. Anger is enormous intensity; it is an



intensity which hurts you. It is an intensity which can get you into a lot of trouble and destroy people around you and yourself, in so many ways.

It must be understood that no matter what kind of human being you become, even if you become a super human being, you will never have absolute control over the external world. Whether it is your institution or your family or the world, you will never have total control over the external situation. But you can have total control over the internal situation.

If you transform your energy in a certain way, it naturally becomes compassion and love — then nobody needs to teach morality. And slowly as this process goes further, you reach the pinnacle of self-awareness and experience a unity with all life.

Suppose you start experiencing yourself as part of people around you, after that there is no one need to teach you to be good and not harm or kill. Once you experientially are a part of everything, you can do something as the situation demands, but without anger. What you have to do, you do. But when you do it with anger and hatred, it is of no value — whatever you do.

The whole process of **yoga** is based on this. A day will come when even if you are put into the most extreme situation, your energies will remain very calm. How you respond will depend on the situation you are in, who you are, what your capabilities are, and what means you have. When you act out of unity with all life, you act without identity. Only then can you function out of your intelligence.

Yoga means to cultivate your energy in such a way that gradually it breaks the physical limitations and elevates you to the highest level of awareness, the flowering of human potential.

*[Sadhguru is a yogi, mystic, visionary and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. **www.ishafoundation.org**]*

Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram

Ensure timely treatment and follow-up for children: ZP CEO

Mysuru, July 18 (TRR)- "To achieve better outcomes under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), it is essential to provide quality healthcare services to Anganwadi and school children. Equally important is the timely referral of children for higher treatment, proper follow-up and ensuring the completion of the entire treatment process," advised Zilla Panchayat (ZP)Chief Executive Officer (CEO) S. Ukesh Kumar.

He was speaking at a progress review meeting of National Health Programmes held recently at the Anubhava Mantapa auditorium of the District Health and Family Welfare Department.

He stressed the importance of proactive efforts by Health Department officials to ensure the success of these programmes.

"Arrangements must be made for children suffering from heart-related ailments to receive treatment at super-speciality hospitals. Regular health check-ups must be conducted at schools and Anganwadi centres and necessary medical treatment, including surgeries, should be provided to children through early detection and proper management of the 4Ds — Defects at birth, Diseases, Deficiencies and Developmental Delays — to reduce child mortality," he said.

Highlighting the need to prevent infant deaths, he directed officials to submit a taluk-wise report on infant mortality following facility and community-level audits.

"Officials found negligent in handling maternal and infant deaths, based on the report of the Technical Expert Committee, must face disciplinary action. We must strive for 100 percent success in RBSK implementation during the year 2025-26," he added.

The ZP CEO also instructed officials to closely monitor reports of COVID, Influenza, H1N1, dog bites and snake bites under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP) and take appropriate action.

Expressing concern over the deaths of 75 persons due to tuberculosis between January and June this year, he noted that the mortality rate exceeds the prescribed limit. Staffing and Temporary Services (STS) staff must submit death audit reports without fail to the District Health Office, he said.

He further directed officials to intensify surveillance under the National Leprosy Eradication Programme and immediately report suspected cases to the district-level authorities.

Officials from District Health and Family Welfare Department, Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) wing, Leprosy Eradication Unit and representatives from other Departments were present at the meeting.

BUS STRIKE

State Transport staff to launch indefinite agitation from Aug.5

Bengaluru, July 18- Pressing for fulfilment of demands, the Joint Action Committee of six Karnataka State Transport Corporation Employees' Unions (KSRTC, NWKRTC, KKRTC and BMTC) has called for an indefinite transport strike from Aug. 5.

Addressing a press meet on behalf of the Committee here, KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation President H.V. Anantha Subbarao alleged that the State Government is not responding to the demands of the transport employees.

Maintaining that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has failed to keep his promise of convening a meeting of transport employees for discussing fulfilment of their demands, he said that the employees will stop bus services from 6 am on the morning of Aug.5, marking the launch of the indefinite stir.

The demands include preparation of a fresh pay-scale with 25 percent hike of the basic wages as on 2023; payment of backlog wages of 38 months along with a 15 percent hike in wages as per the 2020 order; payment of PF, Gratuity and leave encashment; a 5 percent general increase in all allowances; consideration of transport employees as Government servants; cashless medical treatment facility for all employees; introduction of new wages with retrospective effect from Jan.1, 2024; withdrawal of cases registered against transport employees during the 2020 and 2021 strike and deployment of the Transport Corporation drivers for EV buses by abolishing outsourcing of drivers, among others.

ESMA invoked: Meanwhile, Karnataka Labour Department has invoked Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA), prohibiting KSRTC employees from participating in any strike until Dec. 31, 2025. The notification bans all forms of agitation for six months from July 1, 2025.

Swachh Survekshan rankings

Mysuru joins 'Super Swachh League' in 3-10 lakh population category

Citizens urge MCC's health, sanitation wings to intensify efforts towards on-ground cleanliness

Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif (second from right) along with (from left) MCC Assistant Executive Engineer Mruthyunjaya, Health Officer Dr. N.P. Venkatesh, and Assistant Executive Engineer (Underground Drainage) Dhanush, after President Droupadi Murmu distributed the Third Cleanest City of India Award to Mysuru.

Mysuru, July 18 (BCT)- Mysuru has secured third place in the newly introduced 'Super Swachh League' (SSL) under Swachh Survekshan 2024-25, ranking among India's cleanest cities in the 3 to 10 lakh population category. The awards were presented in New Delhi yesterday by President Droupadi Murmu.

The SSL, part of the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U) initiative by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), is designed to encourage healthy competition among consistently top-performing cities. It functions as an elite "Champions League" for urban sanitation, cleanliness and waste management.

Mysuru's inclusion reflects the efforts of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), sanitation workers and citizens in sustaining a long-standing reputation for cleanliness, public participation and urban hygiene. However, cities in the SSL are expected to maintain these high standards year after year — failure to do so results in automatic exclusion.

MCC fails to address persistent issues

Despite the honour, the recognition has raised eyebrows among residents and civic groups, who are calling for a reality check before MCC begins celebrations.

Once a frontrunner in urban cleanliness, Mysuru's performance has slipped in recent years. Civic groups welcomed the recognition but criticised MCC for failing to address persistent issues like uncleared garbage, construction waste and footpath encroachments in several areas, which affect both residents and tourists.

They urged MCC's health and sanitation departments to intensify efforts and suggested holding consultations with tourism and hospitality stakeholders to improve cleanliness.

Urban experts cautioned that the new ranking should not lead to complacency. The previous awards had resulted in a drop in standards and emphasised the need for continuous, year-round maintenance, not just clean-ups during Swachh Survekshan.

Civic organisations also demanded stricter penalties for littering and unscientific waste disposal to ensure Mysuru lives up to its place in the Super Swachh League.

Swachh ranking will boost tourism, hospitality: Hotel Owners Assn.

Mysuru, July 18 (BCT)- Following Mysuru's third-place finish in the 2024–25 Swachh Survekshan rankings, the Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association has extended its congratulations to the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

In a press release, Association President C. Narayanagowda expressed happiness over the recognition and lauded the collective efforts of the MCC Commissioner, officials, staff, sanitation workers, vendors, traders and entrepreneurs.

He emphasised that this achievement was made possible through their dedication and cooperation. He acknowledged the encouragement of the District In-Charge Minister, adding that such national recognition would further boost Mysuru's tourism and hospitality sectors.

Let's join hands to make Mysuru city even more beautiful: MP

Mysuru, July 18 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has lauded Mysuru that has once again brought pride to Karnataka by securing third place in 2024-25 Swachh Survekshan survey. The achievement credit MCC staff and active citizen participation for the city's resurgence. He noted that the survey, conducted under the theme "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle," evaluated cities based on parameters including sewage management and urban beautification.

Once a top-ranking city in the early editions of Swachh Survekshan, Mysuru has seen a dip in performance in recent years. The MP said the latest ranking reflects renewed commitment and coordinated civic efforts.

He urged citizens to continue supporting cleanliness drives of MCC and expressed hope that Mysuru would soon reclaim the top spot in the national rankings.

Stampede at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru

RCB, KSCA, DNA Networks blamed

Police acted as though they were serving RCB's interests: Karnataka Government tells High Court

Bengaluru, July 18 (KMS & BCT)- The Karnataka Government has squarely blamed Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB), their event partner DNA Networks, and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) for the stampede at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on June 4 that left 11 people dead.

Star cricketer Virat Kohli has also been named in the official report for publicly inviting fans to the unauthorised victory celebrations. Submitted to the Karnataka High Court, the report reveals that RCB held a massive victory parade on June 4 without securing mandatory permissions from civic authorities or the Police. The unregulated announcement triggered an overwhelming surge of fans, resulting in chaos and tragedy.

The report further criticises Police officials, stating they appeared to act as though they were serving RCB's interests. It defends the suspension of several officers, including three senior IPS officials, for their handling of the situation.

According to the Government, preparations for the IPL celebration exposed an alignment between officials and the team, causing public embarrassment.

Senior advocate P.S. Rajagopal, representing the State, informed the Court that RCB had submitted a proposal regarding the victory celebration even before the IPL final had been played. However, instead of seeking proper permissions for a large public gathering, Police officials began making arrangements without consulting superiors or securing official approvals.

While RCB did inform the Police on June 3 about a "possible celebration," it did not qualify as a formal request, as required at least seven days in advance under the law.

Social media promotions

Defying Police advice, RCB went ahead and used its social media platforms early on June 4 to publicly invite fans to join the parade from Vidhana Soudha to the stadium, announcing free entry. A video featuring Virat Kohli further encouraged participation. Though limited passes were mentioned, the lack of clarity made the event effectively open to all.

Crowd estimates surpassed 3 lakh, supported by metro ridership data showing nearly 10 lakh passengers that day, well above the usual 6 lakh. Viral videos showed dangerously packed streets and uncontrolled crowds, as organisers had failed to share any logistical details with authorities, leaving the Police unprepared.

No formal Police permission was obtained. There was no crowd control plan, no loudspeakers, no trained staff deployment and no public announcements. Organisers also failed to pay for the required Police security, in violation of a 2019 directive.

Despite these lapses, Bengaluru Police deployed over 650 personnel, barricaded key roads, and issued public advisories. However, the unprecedented turnout and lack of coordination made their efforts ineffective.

Criminal case against RCB and KSCA

Bengaluru, July 18 (KMS & BCT)- The Karnataka Cabinet has approved the filing of a criminal case against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) and the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) in connection with the June 4 stampede near M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.

The decision follows the findings of a report submitted by a commission headed by Justice Michael D. Cunha, which was constituted by the State Government to investigate the causes of the incident. The report held RCB, KSCA and event organisers, DNA Network, responsible for failing to implement precautionary measures and conducting the event without adequate planning. These lapses, it stated, directly led to the tragedy. The stampede claimed the lives of 11 sports fans and left over 50 others injured.

NEWS BRIEFS

Agama Convocation

Karnataka Hindu Religious Institutions & Charitable Endowments Department has organised Agama Convocation Ceremony - 2025 at Bengaluru tomorrow (July 19). Over 2,000 students who have applied to receive the certificate during the convocation ceremony, shall be given the certificate in the presence of Chief Minister, Muzrai Minister, Commissioner of the Department, dignitaries and religious heads, stated a press release from the Principal of Government Maharaja Sanskrit College, Mysuru.

London Drums exams

City's Prasad School of Rhythms, located on Ramanuja Road, will be conducting 'Trinity College of London Drums' exams at Maharshi Educational Institutions premises in Vishweswaranagar 2nd stage in city at 10 am on July 20. The exams will be held right from Initial grade to Eighth grade, in which about 24 students will appear. For details, contact Mob: 98802-79791.

Monthly workshop

Kala Sourabha is organising a monthly workshop on raga 'Shahana' by Vid Dr. R.N. Srilatha on July 20 from 4 pm at Kala Sourabha, 8th Cross, Ramakrishna Nagar 'E and F' block. Both Manodharma and compositions will be concentrated in this workshop. Music aspirants & students can contact Mob: 94806-38815.

Obituary

Sohail Ahmed

Mysuru, July 18- Sohail Ahmed (58), brother-in-law of Karnataka Exhibition Authority Chairman Ayub Khan, passed away following a heart attack this morning.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today at Masjid Bilal on M.G. Road in Udayagiri after Maghrib prayers, followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Mariyamma

Mariyamma (85), wife of late Shivarama Shetty and a resident of Mahadevapura 'B' Block on Manandawadi Road, passed away yesterday in city. She leaves behind two sons, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Only 4.4 percent freight handled by rail in Mysuru region, says DRM

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry hosts session on 'Rail-based freight and parcel services'

Mysuru, July 18 (PM&BCT)- Only 4.4 percent of the total freight movement in the Mysuru region is currently handled through railways, said Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway's Mysuru Division.

He was addressing a stakeholder interaction session on 'Rail-based freight and parcel services,' jointly organised by the South Western Railway, Mysuru Division and the Mysore hamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI), held at the MCCI auditorium on D. Devaraja Urs Road.

Emphasising the cost-effectiveness of rail over road transport, Mittal urged commercial establishments to explore railways as a viable option for moving goods. He stated that shifting to rail transport could lead to significant cost savings for businesses.

Highlighting the Railway's readiness to meet freight needs, the DRM said trained personnel and a wide variety of wagons — including those tailored for autos, two-wheelers and four-wheelers — are available to meet diverse cargo requirements.

New online booking

Mittal also spoke about the newly developed online booking system that allows entrepreneurs to reserve freight services from anywhere. "We aim to simplify transactions and are committed to providing all possible support to the business community," he said, inviting feedback to help enhance services further.

Mudit Mittal, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of South Western Railway, Mysuru division speaking at an interaction held at MCCI yesterday, as MCCI President K.B. Lingaraju (third from right) and others look on.

If more users in the Mysuru region adopt these services, it would contribute significantly to regional economic progress, he added.

First-class season tickets

During the interaction, representatives from various sectors raised key issues.

Subramanya, Secretary of the Small-Scale Industries Association highlighted the suspension of first-class season tickets between Mysuru and Bengaluru. He pointed out that such tickets are still available on other busy corridors like Mumbai–Pune and urged authorities to reconsider the move. He also requested a halt near Metagalli to support industrial workers.

In response, the DRM explained that the suspension of season tickets was a policy decision by the Central Government. As for the proposed halt, he said even a one-minute unscheduled stop can lead to a 15-minute delay, making it operationally unviable.

More trains to coastal areas

President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association, C. Narayanagowda, requested more trains from Mysuru to coastal destinations and flagged concerns over high parking charges at the railway station.

The DRM said geographical constraints make expanding coastal services difficult. On the parking issue, a senior commercial manager clarified that authorised rate boards have been installed and urged users to report any discrepancies, assuring swift action even through a phone call.

Freight service to Kolkata

Abdul Khader of the Devaraja Urs Road Traders' Association pointed out the limited freight service to eastern destinations, especially Kolkata, with only one train per week. He urged an increase in frequency and better cargo safety.

Mittal replied that due to low demand, additional trains were not viable at present, but if demand grows, daily services could be coordinated with the Bengaluru Division. He also highlighted the Parcel Management System (PMS), which allows real-time tracking of shipments.

Haritha, Senior Divisional Operations Manager, K.B. Lingaraju, President of MCCI, R. Anand, Vice-President, A.K. Shivaji Rao, Secretary, Vinod Jain, Joint Secretary and M.C. Bansali, Executive Committee Member along with exporters, entrepreneurs and representatives from industries and associations across Chamarajanagar, Nanjangud, Mandya and Mysuru.

Major players like Jubilant Pharma, Triveni Gears and the APMC and Hotel Associations also participated in the session.

Curious cases of cars: One found at Mounted Police office premises, another at Gokulam

RTI activist writes to City Police Commissioner to investigate car at Mounted Police wing

Mysuru, July 18 (BLU&KS)- RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna has written to City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar to investigate about the 'mysterious car' which is frequently found parked near the Office of the Mounted Police (KARP) Commandant V. Shylendra.

Krishna has said that a swift investigation will bring out the truth about the mysterious car.

Krishna has accused Shylendra of parking the car in the KARP Mounted Police building premises and added that the car leaves the building sans registration number plate and once the vehicle returns the registration number plate is fixed again.

He has also stated that Police personnel were being used to clean the car, thus violating the rules. Krishna has urged the Police Commissioner for a swift investigation on Shylendra.

Car parked near apartment

A Maruti car bearing registration number KA-04-N-0197, which is parked in front of Sankalp Gardenia Apartment at Gokulam 2nd Stage since one-and-a-half years has sparked curiosity among the residents and passersby alike.

Residents, who are suspecting that the car may have been stolen and parked in front of the apartment, have urged the Police to investigate and tow it away.

The car with windows raised, has gathered dust, abandoned amidst other parked vehicles.

Durbar Utsava at Chamundi Hill temple

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar performs puja

Mysuru, July 18 (MTY&BS)- The traditional Durbar Utsava was conducted as part of Vardhanti Utsava of Goddess Chamundeshwari at Chamundi Hill in the city last evening.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Member of erstwhile Royal Family of Mysore, took part in the rituals associated with the Utsava, at Rudrakshi Mantap in the temple premises, where Utsava Murti of the presiding deity is consecrated.

Chief Priest of Chamundeshwari temple Shashishekar Dixit performed the rituals, beginning with Utsava Phala Puja at 8 pm, followed by Durbar Utsava at 8.30 pm after all the religious rituals. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar performed the puja, marking the conclusion of Vardhanti Mahotsava.

Malabar unveils 'NUWA by Mine Diamonds'

Mysuru, July 18- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the world's largest and most trusted gold and diamond jewellery retailers, has launched its latest exquisite natural diamond jewellery collection 'NUWA by Mine Diamonds.'

At the Mysuru Showroom, Punya, Nischitha and Sinchana launched the collection in the presence of Zonal Head P. Sharafuddeen and Asst. Store Head P. Muhahmmed Anshaj.

With the launch of the special campaign featuring brand ambassador Kareena Kapoor Khan, Malabar celebrates the elegance, bold individuality, versatility, power and grace of modern-day women. The campaign encourages women to #ShineOutLoud with this stunning collection.

The collection is available at all Malabar showrooms across India and in international locations.

Commenting on the launch, M.P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, said: "Further building on the theme of abstract and contemporary forms and the resilience of modern women, our latest NUWA collection redefines versatility to match every mood, occasion and ensemble, while also redefining luxury — grand in design, yet light in feel."

Two-day Spoorthi Utsava from tomorrow

Mysuru, July 18 (BS)- Spoorthi, the ladies wing of Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, has organised two-day 'Spoorthi Utsava 2025-26' at Jayamma Govindegowda Convention Centre, Kuvempunagar in the city from tomorrow (July 19). It will be open from 10 am to 8 pm.

Addressing a press meet in the city yesterday, Spoorthi President Kavitha Gururaj said it is an exotic exhibition of exclusive products from women entrepreneurs. Namratha Shenoy, Managing Director of Diya Silks and Visionary Founder of Diya Foundation, will be the chief guest. V. Srinath, Chairman of BAI, Mysore Centre, will be the guest of honour.

The event is being conducted for the last nine years and has been receiving an overwhelming response, with increase in number of stalls. This year, 51 stalls will be set up, with eight among them dedicated to food products. The sole aim behind the event is to bridge a gap between women entrepreneurs and encourage them.

The products on display-cum-sale include apparels, jewellery, fashion and beauty accessories, home decor, furnishing concepts, pottery, green concepts, artefacts, food court, desi games etc.

Spoorthi Secretary Ramya Lokesh, Treasurer Veena Ashok, Shanthi Bharadwaj and Rekha Prakash were present.

Ashada Sangeetha-Nrithya Sambhrama

Mysuru, July 18 (VNS)- Noopura Kalavidara Samskrithika Trust and Department of Kannada and Culture have organised Ashada Sangeetha-Nrithya Sambhrama on July 20 and 21 at Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar.

On July 20, Bharatanatyam recitals will be presented by Vidu. K.S. Supritha Sachchidanand at 6.30 pm; Vidu. Harshita Subramanya and Vidu. Moulya Venkatesh at 7.30 pm. On July 21, Harsha Prabhakar and B. Umapathy will render sugama sangeetha at 6.30 pm with Indushekar on tabla, Raghavendra on rhythm pad and Sharath on keyboard.

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WORD OF THE DAY

Fugitive

Pronunciation: FYOO-juh-tiv (noun)
Meaning: Fugitive refers to a person who runs away to avoid being captured or arrested.
Origin: Fugitive entered English as both a noun and an adjective in the 14th century, coming ultimately from the Latin verb fugere, meaning "to flee." As a noun, it originally referred, as it still does today, to someone who flees a country or location to escape persecution or danger, as from war, making it synonymous with another fugere descendent, refugee. The noun soon expanded beyond those fleeing peril to individuals (such as suspects, witnesses, or defendants) trying to elude law enforcement especially by fleeing the pertinent jurisdiction. The adjective fugitive describes those literally running away or intending flight, but also has multiple figurative uses, being applied to that which is elusive, of short duration, or of transient interest, among other things.
Example: "The automated plate readers, as they are known, enable authorities to track when vehicles of interest pass through certain intersections. The devices can also be mounted on police cars, allowing officers to sweep up troves of license plate data as they drive around. Police say the gadgets help investigate stolen cars, locate fugitives, and solve crimes by checking who came and went from a neighbourhood on any given day." — Libor Jany, The Los Angeles Times, 10 Apr. 2025

THE ODD WORD

Debacchate

To revile someone in the manner of a drunkard.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Dry Spell

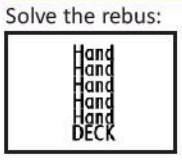
Meaning: To go through a 'Dry spell' is to spend a period of time without something that is needed, or without something one is accustomed to or desires.
Origin: Everyone has experienced dry spells now and then. The origin of the 'Dry spell' is believed to be the late 1800s or early 1900s, though no one is certain when the phrase was first used. What is known is that the word 'spell' was first used to indicate a period of time sometime around 1845.
Example: "Sam is a great salesman, though lately he's been having a bit of a dry spell."

QUOTE BOX

Patience is the companion of wisdom. — **Saint Augustine**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: All hands on deck.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 In good health
5 Total
8 Satisfy with food
12 Creditable or noteworthy attempt? (1,4,3)
14 Interjection expressing regret, pity or concern
15 Mournful
16 A lively tune
17 Not many
18 Straw roofing
20 Spouse's parent (2-3)
23 Old Asian place
24 Milne's bear Winnie the ___
25 Obtain
28 Body of water
29 Run ___ of : become entangled with, in a way?
30 Rock musician Brian
32 Simple bridle-bit without curb
34 Bustles or fuss
35 Put to rest
36 Declares or promises
37 Ringed planet
40 __ __ mode : in this fashion or style (1,2)
41 Very serious
42 Childish
47 Adolescent
48 Before time by quite a wide margin, should we say? (3,5)
49 Indian dress
50 Himalayan animal
51 Ascend

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	N	R	O	L	L		M	A	U	L	E	D
S		E	S	A	I		A	I	M			E
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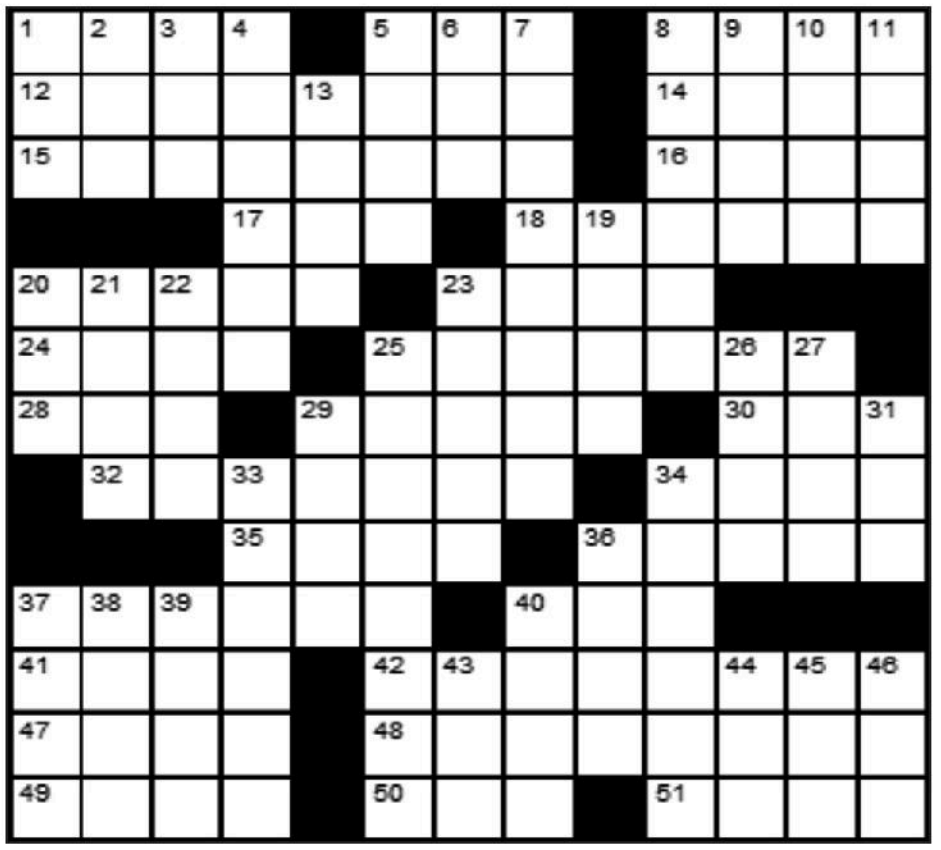
DOWN
1 Pad of loose material
2 Self-esteem
3 Laughing out loud, acronym ?
4 Bath sponge
5 Put away
6 Neighbor of Arg.
7 Enigmatic aura
8 Italian sausage
9 Settled, came back to earth?
10 Powder
11 Bible book abbr.
13 Sketched out
19 Drag
20 Internet addresses
21 Negative votes
22 Give on ___ : give for temporary use?
23 To find fault angrily
25 Liking or attraction
26 Decorate anew
27 Enough in old English?
29 From a distance
31 Wild Bill Donovan's erstwhile agcy.
33 Past pupils
34 Embodiment or incarnation
36 Wings or winglike parts
37 Army three-stripers in short?
38 Surface measurement?
39 Piece of a wedding cake
40 Run ___ : go berserk (var.)
43 Extinct flightless bird
44 Mentalist Geller
45 Treasure Island author's monogram
46 Seeing organ



SUDOKU

			7				1	
	3				9			7
					1	5	6	
		3		2				6
		7	5		3	4		
8				1		7		
	9	6	3					
3			4				5	
	7				2			

Answer to previous puzzle

4	6	3	2	5	7	1	8	9
9	2	7	8	1	3	5	4	6
8	5	1	4	6	9	3	2	7
5	9	6	1	7	4	2	3	8
7	8	4	3	9	2	6	1	5
1	3	2	5	8	6	9	7	4
6	1	5	7	3	8	4	9	2
3	4	8	9	2	5	7	6	1
2	7	9	6	4	1	8	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

IA LSYGH FQD EQBC IA LC IEC PGAX QTH

GQLAUYASP IQPO AN DCQUP. IA HCPIUAD VQT LC

IEC IEASWEIGCPP QVI AN Q PYTWGC HQD.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: For every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness.

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Saiyaare (H)	(S-1)	10.05 am; (S-3) 12.55 pm, 7.15 pm
F1: The Movie (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Junior (K)	(S-1)	4.25 pm
Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.30 pm
Nikita Roy (H)	(S-1)	10.15 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	(S-2)	9.30 am, 5.25 pm
Smurfs (E)	(S-2)	11.20 am, 1.25 pm, 3.25 pm
Junior (Te)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
JSK: Janaji V vs State of Kerala (Ma)	(S-2)	10.20 pm
I Know What You Did Last Summer (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 10.25 pm
Tanvi: The Great (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Ekka (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7.05, 10.05 pm

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	(S-3)	9.30 pm
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Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Sitaare Zameen Par (H)	:	3.05 pm
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Superman (E-3D)	:	4.10 pm
Nilgiris: A Shared Wilderness (E)	:	8.30 pm
Jurassic World:Rebirth (E-3D)	:	10.10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JULY 18)

- **Sri Abhinava Shankaralaya, Shankar Mutt, Mysuru:** Sri Rajarajeshwari Alankara, Lalitha Sahasranama Kunkumarchane by 108 ladies, **5 pm;** Mandolin & Violin Jugalbandi by Vid. Rakshith Prasad & Ratna Teja, **6.30 pm;** Prakarotsava & Mahamangalarati Ashtavadhana Seva, Sri Abhinava Shankaralaya premises, **9.30 pm.**
- **Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri:** Annual Church Feast, Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Thomas Barose, **5.30 pm.**
- **Nritya Vidyapeetha, Mysuru:** Dasa Smarane-2025 — Dharma Bodhane - Series-10, retd. Professor Dr. K. Anantharamu delivers discourse on 'Sanatana Samskruti,' Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao special invitee, Mysuru District Kannada & Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal chief guest, Holenarasipura's Swarna Educational Institution Principal Shobha Balakrishna and L&T Technology Services B.K. Kamala will be present; Dasa Smarane-2025 (Part-1) - Dasa Namana by Sub-Junior and Junior students of Nritya Vidyapeetha, accompanied by Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha on natuvanga, Nayana Nagaraj on vocal, Vid. G.T. Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Thandavamurthy on violin, **5.45 pm;** Bharatanatyam by Guru Vidu. C.N. Anitha, accompanied by Nischitha Krishna on natuvanga, Nayana Nagaraj on vocal, Vid. G.T. Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Thandavamurthy on violin, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha, Mysuru:** 106th birth anniversary of Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, Malavalli Sri Manteswamy Mutt, Adi Honnayakanahalli Mutt and Sri Kappadi Mutt Seer M.L. Varchasvi Srikanta Siddalinga Raje Urs chief guest, Sri Krishna Ganasabha President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs presides; Vocal Concert by Vid. Manasa Nayana, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga, Vidu. C.V. Shruthi on violin and Vid. S. Manjunath on ghata, Alwar Kala Bhavana, Gokulam III Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Yakshagana Tala-Maddale 'Samara Sougandhika' by Yaksha Koumudi Trust, Srirangapatna, Bhagavatike - Keshava Hegde, Kolagi; Mridanga - Shankara Bhagavata, Yellapur; Arthadharigalu - G.N. Bhatta, Mysuru, Pavan Kirankere, Udupi, Ganapathi Bhatta, Sankadagundi, Mysuru and Narayana Desai, Mysuru, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Vid. Ganesh Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Sri Avani Sringeri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthanam – Sri Sharada Peetham, Mysuru Branch:** Ashada Friday, Flute Duet by Vid. Dr. C.A. Sridhar and Vid. C.S. Keshav Chandra, accompanied by Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Sri Sharada Peetham, Vidyaranyapuram, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 19)

- **District Administration and Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru:** Laying of foundation stones and inauguration of development works of various Departments in Mysuru District during 'Sadhana Samavesha' by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, Dy. CM D.K. Shivakumar, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, District In-Charge Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Minister for Animal Husbandry and Sericulture K. Venkatesha and AICC General Secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala, chief guests, Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda presides, Maharaja College Grounds, **10.30 am.**
- **The Speak History Forum of Silverfish Books, Mysuru:** 'Vision in the Windows — An exposition of heirlooms,' a walk through the heirlooms from kitchens, living rooms and courtyards of the past, Vaishnavi Sarovar, Yadavagiri, **10 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-889, story-telling by Shobha Nagabhushan, Kannada Teacher, Kautilya Vidya Samsthe, Suruchi Rangamane, No. 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Kalasourabha, Ramakrishnanagar:** Sri Jayachamaraja Vaibhava - A Music-Dance-Lecture Programme based on Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's compositions as part of his birth anniversary, prayer by Kalasourabha students, Philosopher H.L. Chandrashekar chief guest, dance programme by Vidu. Ashwini Sukeerthi and Vidu. Swathi Kiran, vocal duet by Vidu. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and Vidu. Dr. Sumana Vedanth, accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Anoor Ananthakrishna Sharma on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **5 pm.**
- **Guttigedarara Credit Co-operative Society Ltd., Mysuru:** Pratibha Puraskar presentation to children of contractors, Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji of Adichunchanagiri Mutt graces the occasion, Society President Mahalingam presides, MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, Srirangapatna's Parivarthana Educational Institution Founder R.A. Chethan Ram main speaker, Society Vice-President V. Kumar will be present, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, retd. Professor Dr. S.N. Rangaraju main speaker, Society Vice-President V. Kumar will be present, Rio Meridian auditorium, **5 pm.**
- **Sacred Heart Church, Yadavagiri:** Annual Church Feast-2025, Holy Mass by Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier, **5.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru, BVB Bengaluru and Infosys Foundation, Bengaluru:** 146th Cultural Outreach Programme, Vocal Concert by Vidwan Dr. R.K. Padmanabha, Vid. C. Cheluvaraju on mridanga and Vidu. Sindhu Suchethan on violin, BVB, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha, Mysuru:** 231st birth anniversary of Sri Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, Harikatha 'Srikrishna Vaibhavam' by AIR & Doordarshan Artiste Seetharam Munikoti, accompanied by Vid. Varadarajan, keyboard support by Vid. Shivaprasanth, Alwar Kala Bhavana, Sri Krishna Temple Complex, Gokulam III Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Shruthimanjari Foundation and Rotary Club of Mysore West:** Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's 'Sri Vidyankita Kritigala Aantarya' by Vid. Srikantham Nagendra Shastry and troupe, Rotary West auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Vid. Ganesh Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Chinmaya Mission, Gurudev Datta Sannidhi, Gokulam:** Swami Brahmanandaji delivers discourse in Kannada on 'Nitya Jeevanakke Giteya Sandesha' Sringeri Shankar Mutt, Fort Mohalla, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Mysuru Cinema Society:** Screening of short films (Rasam, Tabla and Dump Yard), Sumashree Arcade, I Main, 5th Cross, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm** [Mob: 99805-96824]

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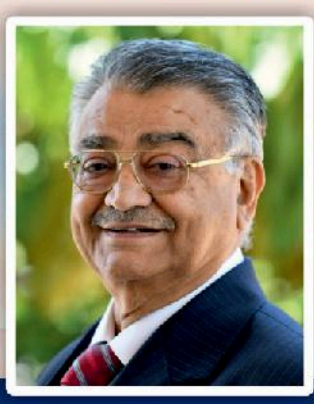

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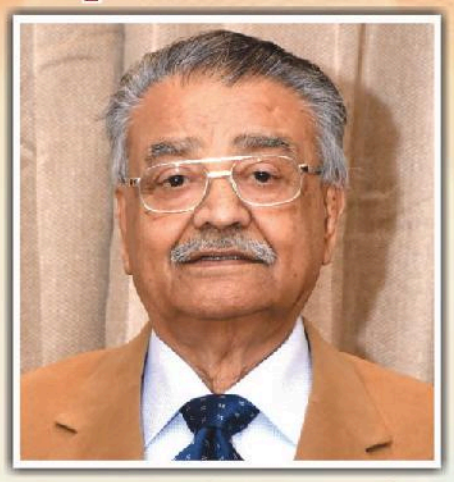

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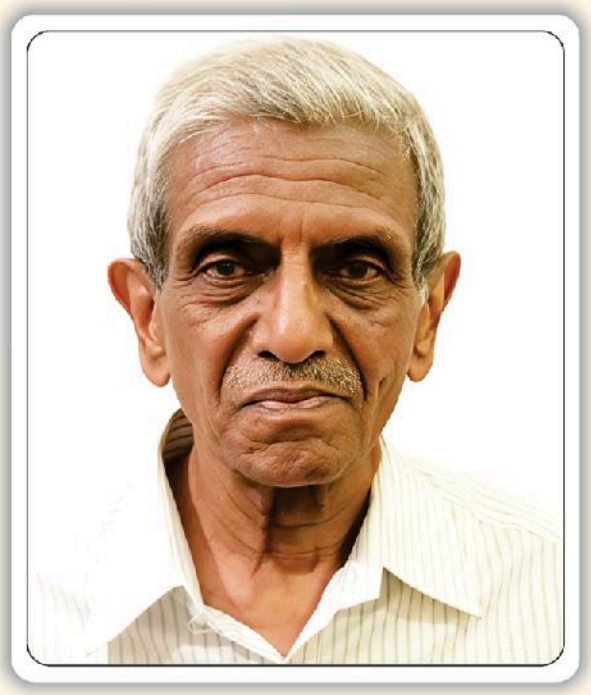

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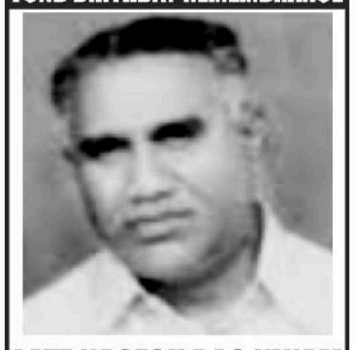

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